

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7053

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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach George Quarles and the Maryville High School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 4A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach George Quarles, the Maryville High School football team is one such commendable team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season, establishing a perfect record of fifteen wins and no losses and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 4A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville Rebels rolled through the playoffs by prevailing over the powerhouse teams of White County (45-7), Powell (27-0), Knoxville Central (33-23), and Morristown-Hamblin West (28-0) in a phenomenal drive to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, in their second consecutive undefeated season, Maryville defeated Melrose in the BlueCross Bowl by the score of 23-10, thereby capturing the teams' second consecutive state football championship, and their fifth in six years; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding individual performances of Ryan Tallent, the BlueCross Bowl Class 4A Offensive Most Valuable Player, whose 70-yard burst into the end zone with ten minutes to play, helped ensure the Rebels victory, and Landon Hall, who was named the BlueCross Bowl Class 4A Defensive Most Valuable Player for a stellar performance featuring eleven tackles, a quarterback sack, and a forced fumble; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's explosive offense amassed an incredible 552 points during their 15-game season, an average of 36.8 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels' stingy defense allowed only 141 points to be scored by their opponents, an average of less than 10 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary success of the Maryville High School football team came under the exceptional leadership of Head Coach George Quarles, who has been named the 2005 Tennessee Titans' Coach of the Year; this prestigious award recognizes Coach Quarles for his hard work and dedication in turning student-athletes into the best possible football players and productive citizens in their community; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, Head Coach George Quarles has led the Rebels to five state championships, a pair of winning streaks of at least 30 games each, and victories in 93 of 102 contests; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the Maryville High School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach George Quarles and the 2005 Maryville High School football team on capturing the 2005 TSSAA Class 4A State Football Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.